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REMARKS

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1. On 3 January 1954, the Lüdendorff Kaserne in Potsdam quartered about 200 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia. About 30 caterpillar tractors were parked in the yard. No training activity was noticed at the installation between 18 December and 3 January.

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2. On 3 January, the Hohenlohe Kaserne was occupied by about 400 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and motor transport insignia. No training activity was noticed during the period of observation.
3. On 3 January, the south section of the Delius Kaserne quartered about 600 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery, signal and motor transport insignia. On 21 December, 4 caterpillar tractors, each towing a 152-mm gun howitzer and 3 trucks, each occupied by about 20 soldiers left the installation toward Krampnitz.
4. On 3 January, the north section of the Delius Kaserne was occupied by about 600 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery, motor transport or signal insignia. On 22 December, no training activity was noticed inside the installation. Four prime movers practiced driving on the training grounds opposite the installation. About 60 soldiers practiced aiming, about 30 soldiers received signal communication training and another 20 men engaged in surveying duty with leveling instruments and measuring staffs in the same area.

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5. On 3 January, the Kavallerie Schule in Krampnitz was occupied by about 6,000 to 7,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank, artillery, signal and motor transport insignia. On 29 December, about 60 soldiers practiced saluting, about 40 men engaged in close order drill, and about 60 other soldiers roll in for roll call, in the barracks yard. Two 6-wheel armored personnel carriers practiced driving in the driving school training area on Am Giebel Fenn.

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6. On 24 December, the NCO school was occupied by about 250 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. No training activity was noticed.

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7. On 24 December, the Adolf Hitler Kaserne was occupied by about 1,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. On 22 December, about 150 soldiers fell in, and about 60 soldiers engaged in close order drill, in the barracks area. About 40 other soldiers were trained in the barracks yard. [redacted] the former residential houses east of the barracks buildings were separated from the barracks installation by a wooden fence.

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8. On 24 December, the Kriegsschule was occupied by about 600 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. On 21 December, 25 soldiers engaged in athletic exercises in the barracks area and about 50 other soldiers received field training on Fornstedter Feld.

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9. On 24 December, no training activity was noticed in the barracks installation in Wildpark West.

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10. On 2 December, the east section of the Leibgarde-Husaren Kaserne was occupied by about 100 soldiers. No training activity was noticed inside the barracks installation. [redacted] identified.

11. On 29 December, the Unteroffizier Schule was occupied by about 200 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. No training activity was noticed in the billeting area.

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12. On 29 December, the Polizei Kaserne was occupied by about 350 soldiers who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets and red-bordered black epaulets. On 25 December, about 30 soldiers entered the installation, coming from the direction of the town.

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13. On 15 December, the south section of the Delius Kaserne was occupied to capacity. Sentries wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. On 9 December, 2 x 122-mm field guns and about 15 soldiers were seen in the barracks yard. On 13 December, about 65 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia left the barracks installation toward Konzerthaus Potsdam.

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14. On 15 December, the north section of the Delius Kaserne was occupied. Sentries wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. On 9 December, 2 prime movers, each towing a 122-mm field gun moved into the barracks installation. On 13 December, about 80 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia left the installation toward the Konzerthaus Potsdam.

15. On 15 December, the Hohenlohe Kaserne was occupied by troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. On 9 December, about 80 men drilled in the barracks yard. On 13 December, about 30 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia and about 50 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, some of them with motor transport insignia, left the installation, heading toward the Konzerthaus in Potsdam.

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16. On 15 December, the Ludendorff Kaserne was occupied. Sentries wore red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport and artillery insignia. On 13 December, about 55 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia left the barracks installation toward the Konzerthaus in Potsdam. [redacted]

17. [redacted]

18. On 28 December, 3 x 122-mm field howitzers, 4 x 76-mm field guns, 2 x 85-mm AA guns, 2 x 37-mm AA guns and 1 T-34/85 tank were entrained at Wildpark railroad station. The tank was bound for Jueterbog and the guns for Fuerstenwalde/Spree. The guns had been towed to the station by two prime movers which subsequently moved to Krampnitz.³

19. On 29 December, the Adolf Hitler Kaserne was occupied by about 2,000 men who wore red-bordered black epaulets including some with tank insignia and by a few soldiers who wore black-bordered black epaulets. About 50 to 60 soldiers drilled in the billeting area. [redacted]

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20. On 29 December, the Unteroffizier Schule quartered 400 to 500 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. No training activity was noticed. [redacted]

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21. On 29 December, the Polizei Kaserne was occupied by about 400 to 500 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets including some with artillery insignia and who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. [redacted]

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22. On 29 December, the north and south sections of the Delius Kaserne quartered about 2,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. About 15 trucks engaged in driving practice. [redacted]

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23. On 29 December, the Hohenlohe Kaserne was occupied by 600 to 800 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. There was only little training activity. [redacted]

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24. On 29 December, the Garde-du-Corps Kaserne was occupied by about 300 to 400 troops who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets and by KVP. No training activity was noticed. [redacted]

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25. On 25 December, the Leibgarde-Husaren Kaserne was occupied. Sentries wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. Personnel seen at the barracks gate included officers who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets and Soviet civilians. There was intensive vehicular traffic. [redacted]

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On 23 and 25 December, each time at 8:30 p.m., 30 to 40 recruits wearing red-bordered black epaulets arrived at the Potsdam railroad station from the direction of Magdeburg.⁴ At 11:25 p.m. on 25 December, 30 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets including some with bridge-construction-engineer insignia drove toward Wildpark from Potsdam railroad station.

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